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Re: U.S. Application No. 09/591,279
Filed: June 9, 2000
Title: **Engineering β -Ketoacyl ACP Synthase for Novel
Substrate Specificity**
Applicants: Katayoon DEHESH *et al.*
Atty. Docket: 16516.117

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (PTO):

1. a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal Form
2. a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 (in duplicate);
3. a return postcard.

A request for continued examination is filed herewith. Applicants request that the response to final amendment filed on October 28, 2002 be considered as the submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114. A substitute paper sequence listing, a sequence listing in computer readable form, and two substitute combined declarations and power of attorney (one executed by each inventor) were submitted with the response to final amendment filed on October 28, 2002.

Please stamp the attached postcard with the filing date of these documents and return it to our courier.

Please charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing docket number 16516.117:

\$ <u>750.00</u>	application filing fee
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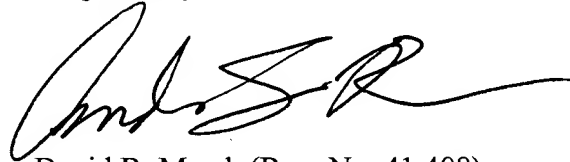
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In the event that extensions of time beyond those petitioned for herewith are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned. Applicants do not believe any additional fees are due in conjunction with this filing. However, if any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17 are required in the present application, including any fees for extensions of time, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fees to Arnold & Porter Deposit Account No. 50-2387, referencing matter number 16516.117. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David R. Marsh", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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Attachments